

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1526 - HB 2214

April 7, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Permits foster parents a period of respite at the request of the foster parent; provides the Department of Children Services may contact the foster parent no more than once every two months.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$544,400


Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Federal Expenditures - \$332,700

Assumptions:

- Limiting the frequency of contact with foster parent to determine if such foster parent is willing to take a foster care placement may cause a more expensive placement for some children.
- Increase in state and federal expenditures represent a one percent increase in costs for foster home placements.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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